

CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021  
7 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Board Members: Mark Stookey  
Ted Mennicke  
Robert Lohr  
Dennis Henry

Also Present: Valerie Hoxter, Sewer Authority Manager  
James Flandreau, Solicitor  
Tom Leisse, Pennoni Associates  
Mike DiSantis, DELCORA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stookey called the meeting to order, took attendance and reported that a quorum was established although Amanda Konyk was not in attendance. This meeting was held virtually, and the public was welcomed to attend via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Henry) the January 12, 2021 Reorganization Meeting minutes were approved.

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Henry) the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Henry) the January 29, 2021 Special Meeting minutes were approved.

OPERATOR

Mr. DiSantis presented his written report and further reported on the violations at the Ridings plant. He also announced that the Springhill Farm WWTP was officially decommissioned, and the pump station was up and running.

The Board will receive an Amendment to the current agreement with DELCORA allowing an assignment to Aqua in the event they obtain ownership of DELCORA. The Amendment will need to be signed by the Board.

MANAGER

Ms. Hoxter presented her written report. She thanked DELCORA for their efforts during recent emergencies at the Ridings plant.

Ms. Hoxter noted that the new \$1,750,000 DVRFA loan has been funded, despite the attempted theft of the funds via hacking of correspondence with the lender. Ms. Hoxter informed the Board of the circumstances surrounding the attempted theft and noted that additional security measures have now been put into place for township email and other accounts. Mr. Stookey and Mr. Flandreau commended Ms. Hoxter for her quick response to the situation and for contacting the lender just in time to prevent diversion of the loan proceeds into the hacker's hands. The funds are now safely in the Sewer Authority's PGLIT account.

Ms. Hoxter also reported that the original Pennvest loan of \$778,000.00 has been paid off.

In April, all Sewer Authority customers will be updated regarding the status and timeline of the decommissioning of the Ridings plant and the expansion to the Turners Mill plant. This update will go to customers via letter which will be sent with the quarterly bills. An additional letter will also be included with the project letter which will include information on I and I issues and what the Authority's customers can do to help. Door hangers will be placed on residences immediately surrounding the project work areas with information on commencement of the construction.

#### ENGINEER

Mr. Leisse reported that project pre-construction meetings are occurring. The conversion project is expected to start late April, early May. Dutchland has indicated they have a 6-to-8-week lead time for items needed for the Turners Mill plant portion of the project. Mr. Leisse expects summer installation with the total project at both plants to be completed by end of September.

I and I issues are being studied and possible remedies being considered, with the first project to be adding inserts to low lying manholes.

#### SOLICITOR

Mr. Flandreau reported that most of his efforts have been covered by Ms. Hoxter's and Mr. Leisse's reports in reviewing contracts, loan agreements, etc.

#### TREASURER

Upon motion and second (Lohr/Mennicke) the December, 2020 ACH and check payments in the amount of \$37,173.50 were approved.

Upon motion and second (Lohr/Mennicke) the January, 2021 ACH and check payments in the amount of \$77,127.39 were approved.

Upon motion and second (Lohr/Mennicke) the February 2021 ACH and check payments in the amount of \$858,212.44, which included the Pennvest loan payoff amount, were approved.

Upon motion and second (Lohr/Mennicke) the March, 2021 ACH and check payments in the amount of \$47,081.50 were approved.

Ms. Hoxter reported on the long overdue customers noting that the amounts are not unusual, but she sees some being paid up soon due to reported sales of properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Old or New Business to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:06 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:29 P.M. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Upon motion and second (Henry/Lohr) the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Hoxter